

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A variable ~~Variable~~ background for photographic pictures, comprising:

a flexible basic body which supports the object ~~which has to be photographed and~~ at least one adjustment device for modifying the shape of the basic body; ~~characterised in that~~

wherein the flexible basic body has such a stiffness that it can take different shapes, ~~however, and~~ keeps a smooth ~~an even~~ surface when the shape is modified; ~~and~~

wherein the adjustment device comprises ~~is indicated by~~ openings obtained at least on one side of the flexible basic body by means of punchings, ~~through which and a~~ string, or a fiber or the like is being guided alternately through said opening; and

~~, respectively S-like,~~ wherein at least one end of the string or fiber can be fixed by means of a fixing means.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the flexible basic body is formed by a translucent, colorless ~~and/or~~ colored foil.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the flexible basic body is formed either by a plastic foil, by paper, ~~respectively~~ by a cardboard, or by a flexible metal foil.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that at least on one of the cross sides of the flexible basic body reinforcements are provided; and wherein the reinforcements comprise, ~~preferably by means of metal bows; or plastic reinforcements or the like are provided.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that the flexible basic body can be brought into an angled position by means of the adjustment device, wherein the angle can be chosen freely and can be modified freely, according to the photographic picture or, ~~respectively~~ photo technique.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that at least two or more angulations of the flexible basic body are provided.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that the basic body has such a stiffness that the basic body forms a tunnel if opposite sides of the basic body are linked and tensioned by means of the adjustment device.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that through tensioning of the flexible basic body by means of the adjustment device, respectively another fixing means;~~ wherein the basic body assumes the shape of a tent, a tube, ~~or the shape of a cone,~~ or respectively of a truncated cone by tensioning the string or fiber of the adjustment device through restricting the length of the string or fiber by the fixing means.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein, characterised in that on the longitudinal sides of the basic body, fastening

devices, ~~preferably as a Velcro fastener, by means of snap fasteners or as zip fastener,~~ are provided by means of which the basic body can be fastened to a support ~~or the like.~~

Claim 12 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be~~ fixedly put on a frame, ~~in particular be put fixedly.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised in that the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be~~ put on a frame, ~~in particular be put fixedly,~~ and that the frame consists ~~is designed as a frame~~ ~~consisting~~ of at least three parts, wherein the individual frame parts are ~~can be~~ connected to each other.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised in that the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be~~ put on a frame, ~~in particular be put fixedly,~~ and the frame consists ~~is designed as a frame~~ ~~consisting~~ of at least three parts, wherein the individual frame parts are ~~can be~~ connected to each other ~~and the frame parts can be connected to each other by means of inserted~~ connectors.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised in that the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be~~ put on a frame, ~~in particular put fixedly,~~ and the frame consists ~~is designed as a frame consisting~~ of at least three parts, wherein the individual frame parts are ~~can be~~ connected with each other ~~and the frame parts can be connected to each other by means of inserted connectors~~ and the inserted connectors are available in different angles.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised in that the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be~~ put on a frame, ~~in particular put fixedly,~~ and the frame consists ~~is designed as a frame consisting~~

of at least three parts, wherein the individual frame parts can be connected to each other ~~and the frame parts are connected to each other~~ by means of joints which can be fixed.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the basic body is designed in such a way that it can be put on a frame, ~~in particular put fixedly~~, and wherein the frame is or, ~~respectively~~ the frame parts forming the frame, ~~result from flexible profiles, in particular tubes, which can be formed freely, however, which are flexible and~~, after the forming, sufficiently stable in order to keep a ~~the~~ chosen form of the frame or, ~~respectively~~ the frame parts.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the basic body is designed in such a way that it can be put on a frame, ~~in particular put fixedly~~, and the frame consists of flexible profiles and the flexible profiles are arranged as adjustment device on the flexible basic body.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised in that the basic body is ~~designed in such a way that it can be put on a frame, in particular put fixedly~~, and the frame is ~~designed in such a way that it consists of at least three parts, wherein the individual frame parts are~~ can be connected with each other ~~and the frame parts are connected~~ by means of joints which are provided fixedly with catchings.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ at least a part of a region of the flexible basic body for taking the photographic pictures ~~the taking region~~ is formed by an opaque slab which is preferably can be also fastened to a, ~~respectively at, the~~ frame.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ a light source can be arranged below, ~~respectively~~ before or behind, the variable background.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, wherein characterised in that a repro column is provided which is ~~can be~~ fastened to a ~~the~~ frame on which the flexible basic body is put.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The variable ~~Variable~~ background according to claim 1, characterised by a transport device where all parts of the variable background are stored and in such a way that they are fixed in it during transport and are in particular protected against concussions and damages.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A flexible ~~Flexible~~ photograph desk, comprising a flexible basic body according to claim 1, and a frame which supports the flexible basic body and where the basic body can, in particular, be fastened.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A system ~~System~~ for a variable background, comprising at least one flexible basic body according to claim 1, a frame, at least one opaque slab, one or more light sources, one or more repro columns and at least one transport device.

Claim 26 (new): The variable background according to claim 1, wherein the overall shape of the string or fiber is S-like when the string or fiber is guided through the openings of the adjustment device.

Claim 27 (new): The variable background according to claim 1, wherein the fastening devices are Velcro fasteners, snap fasteners or zip fasteners.